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Hot spell on the way this week – August 2020

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It'll turn drier and much warmer across many parts of the UK this week, with hot conditions developing across southern areas.

Upcoming forecast

Ahead of the hot weather, northern parts of the UK can expect a wet and windy spell on Wednesday as an Atlantic low-pressure crosses to the northwest of the UK, with more settled conditions across southern areas. Thursday will be widely settled and warmer for most, although cloudy, as southerly winds become established and start to bring very warm air northwards from the continent.

Met Office Chief Meteorologist Dan Suri said: “Most of us will see a spell of warm, summery weather later this week, with hot weather developing across southern parts of the UK. From Thursday temperatures will be in the low- to mid-20s Celsius for Northern Ireland, Scotland and north Wales and it'll be much warmer across southern and central areas, with temperatures widely reaching 28-29 Celsius.

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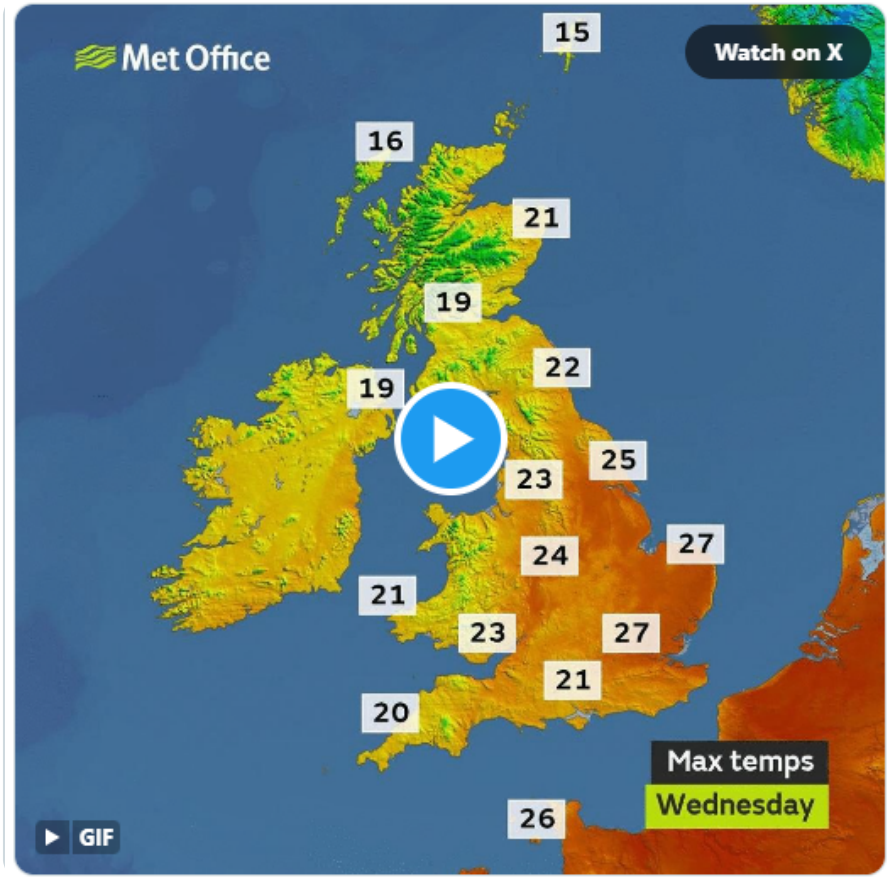

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Hot weather continues

“It'll be another hot day on Friday with temperatures widely reaching 30 Celsius, or higher, in central, southern and some northern parts of England. It is likely to be hotter still in southeast England where 34 to 37 Celsius is possible. Saturday will likely be another hot day for southern and central parts of the UK, with heatwave conditions possibly being met in parts of southeast England and East Anglia.”

The highest temperature reached so far this year is 37.8 Celsius, recorded at Heathrow on July 31st.

Heat Health Alert

The Met Office has issued a heat health alert for parts of England for later this week. With strong summer sunshine at this time of year, UV levels will be high in some areas and you can check the UV forecast for your area here.

Commenting on the hot weather later this week, Deputy Chief Meteorologist, David Oliver added: “Through the weekend there will be plenty of dry and sunny weather for most. The high temperatures could trigger some thunderstorms across parts of the UK by the begining of next week, at the moment there is some uncertainty around the detail of any thundery showers so stay up to date with the latest Met Office forecast.”

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